

Isaac Rich House
South Pamet Road
Truro
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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Located on the north side of South Panet Road 1/2 mile east of U.S. Highway 6 in Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Building number 17-28 in the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Owner: Mr. Eugene Kinkead, Chappaqua, New York

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Isaac Rich House is a one and a half story Cape Cod "double house" which is surrounded by residential landscaping. The rectangular house faces west and has an east ell. The building is wood and is covered with wood shingles. There are porches along the front of the house and in the back.

The construction of the building is wood post and beam with horizontal board walls. The boards have shingles directly on the exterior and plaster directly on the interior. The gable roof has roof boards which run parallel to the ridge. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a simple box cornice. The foundations are red brick. There is a center red brick chimney in the main house and another one in the east end of the east ell.

There is a porch along the front or west of the main house that seems to be later than the original construction. There is another porch to the south of the east ell, which seems to be contemporary to the ell. At the center of the west side of the house is a small enclosed porch or entry way that seems to be contemporary to the ell.

The doors are all replacements and seem to be late nineteenth century in design. They all have one top panel of glass over several panels of wood. The windows have 2/1 light double hung sash. There is a small brick cellar under the east ell.

The first floor of the main house has two main front rooms and three small rooms to the rear. The east ell has one room. The two front or west rooms of the main house are on either side of a small entry hall. The ell is reached by a small hall and is equipped as a kitchen. The second floor contains three bedrooms and a bath.

The one stairway in the house runs from the east ell to the second floor near the north end of the house. This stair does not seem to be original, but there is no sign of what the original scheme may have been. There is also an exterior stair at the east end of the east ell running from the ground to the second floor. This stairway is open.

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The flooring is all planking - some of it is 4" and other is random width ranging up to 16". All of the walls and ceilings are plastered. In the west rooms there is a simple cornice molding and a chair rail. In the southwest room the fireplace wall is panelled with a cupboard to the left of the fireplace having a twelve light sash door over a four panel wood door. To the right of the fireplace is a small narrow cupboard running from floor to ceiling and having two wood panel doors. All trim and panelling is painted wood. On the second floor in the south bedroom is a small Greek Revival fireplace mantel with painted marble texture on wood. The interior doors have six panels and iron lift latches.

The house has no central heating, but the fireplaces in the southwest room and on the second floor are open. There are several stove flues visible throughout the house, but the only existing stove is in the east ell, which is the kitchen. The house has electric lights.

The house has a small barn-like structure to the northeast. This is a small wood shingled structure with one room and a loft. None of the walls are perpendicular to the ground, but are sloped back, giving the effect of a high Mansard roof without a building beneath. The drive is a small informal sand lane.

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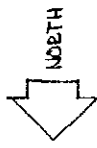
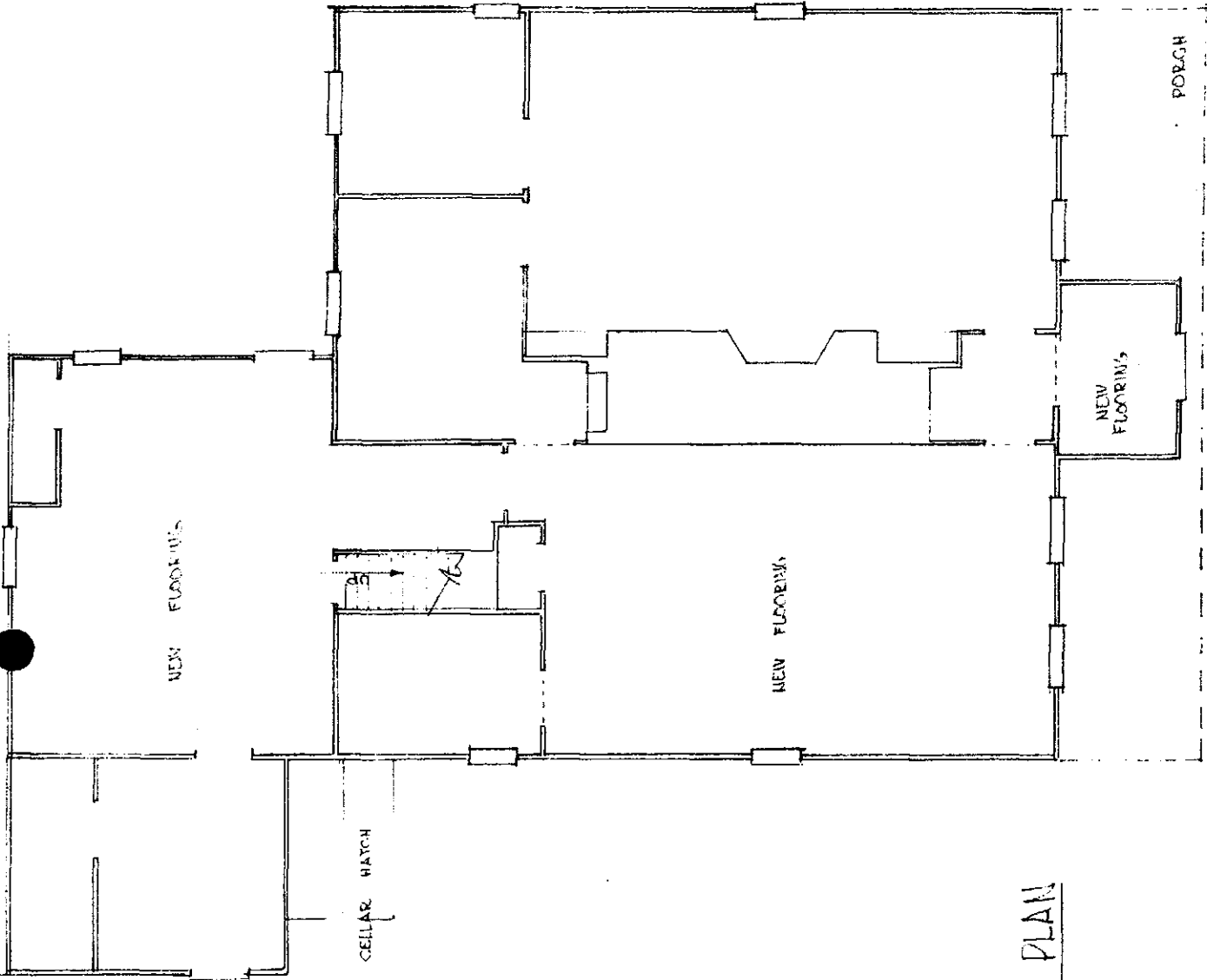
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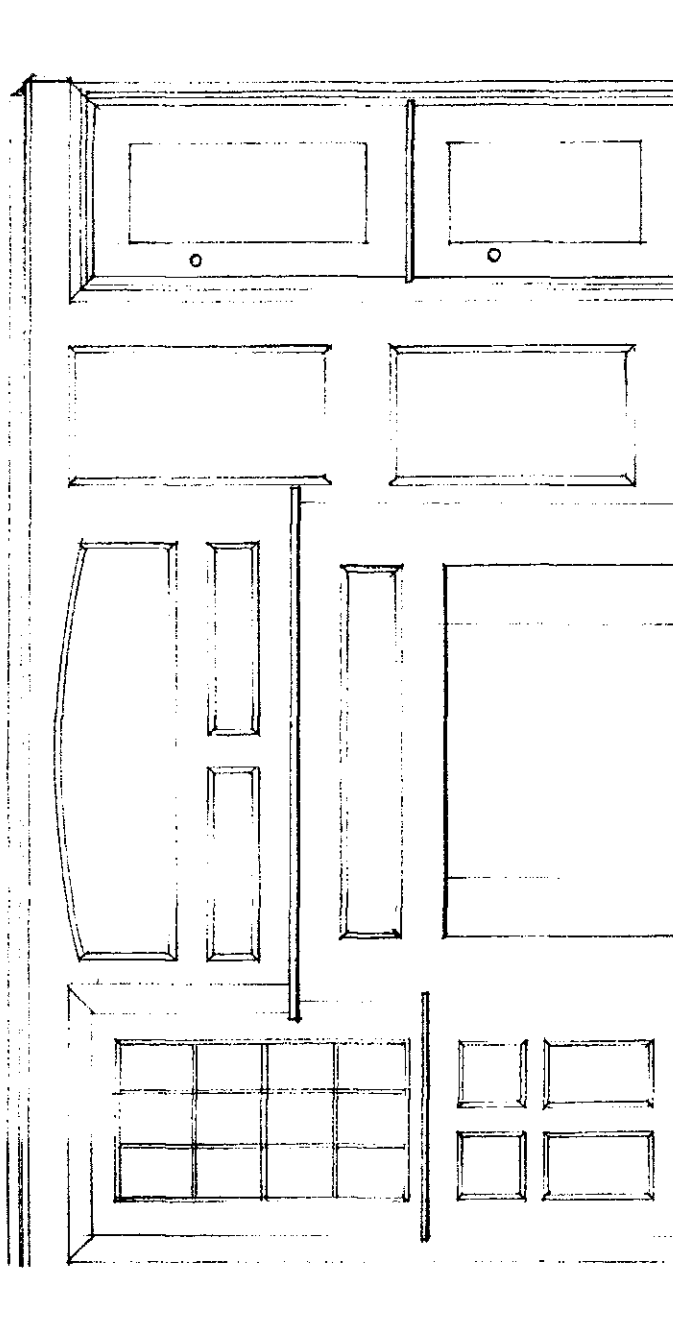
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